

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Tanganyika-  
Zanzibar

a. Zanzibar officials, far from broken to their new union harness, are resisting Tanganyikan "domination," especially in foreign affairs.

b. As expected, the question of which Germany the union will recognize is proving a particularly prickly problem.

c. Karume and his Zanzibari ministers, after spending May Day entertaining Communist dignitaries, arrived at a Monday meeting of the union cabinet and insisted that the union recognize the East Germans or else.

d. Nyerere, considerably nettled, was just as adamant on recognizing West Germany. The meeting broke up after an acrimonious exchange, and there have been no subsequent contacts between Karume and Nyerere.

e. In addition, the Zanzibar element has been talking about setting up diplomatic relations with North Korea and North Vietnam without even bothering to consult officials in Dar-es-Salaam who are responsible for the union's foreign relations.

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f. While all this is going on, Foreign Minister Kambona is in Bonn talking aid.

## 2. Laos

a. About the only thing that is certain in the scrambled Laotian political scene is that the coup generals are still very much in charge of the government.

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### 3. Cyprus

a. Turkish land, air, and sea forces, including those alerted for possible intervention on Cyprus, begin today a major amphibious operation in the Gulf of Iskenderun.

b. Called "the greatest combined exercise" in Turkish history, it is designed not only for training but also to show the Greeks that Ankara is ready.

c. The debate on Cyprus in the Turkish assembly opened yesterday with both government and opposition spokesmen dwelling at length on the sins of the Greeks. There will apparently be no attempt to bring down the Inonu government over Cyprus at this time.

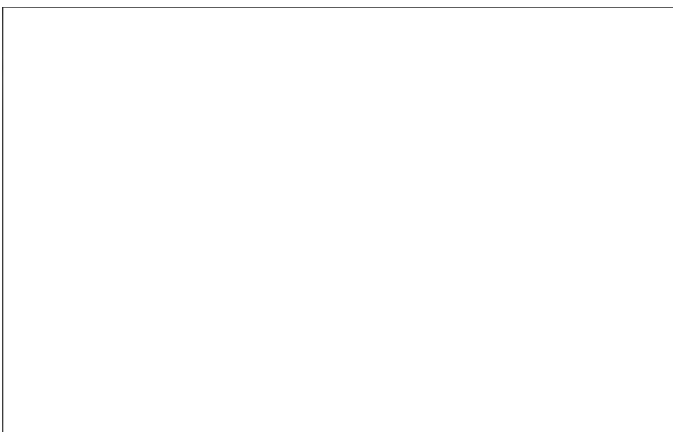
d. For their part, the Greeks yesterday charged that a Turkish plane had violated the Lesbos airspace and intimated that it would have been shot down if the Greeks had been able to find it.

e. There was scattered firing at several points on the island this morning following quiet Easter observances. Makarios yesterday told Ambassador Belcher that barring direct provocation there would be no repetition of the St. Hilarion action. We are not very confident of this.

4. Panama

a. There is widespread foreboding as the Panamanian presidential campaign rolls into its last few days.

b. The Panamanian elite, badly split, have failed to come up with a candidate who can match the voter appeal of the front-running Arnulfo Arias. As time grows short, the elite gets more desperate.



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5. British Guiana -  
Trinidad

a. Prime Minister Williams, who has dabbled in British Guiana affairs before, says he has agreed to mediate the differences between British Guiana's political leaders.

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b. We would rate his chances of pulling a rabbit out of this particular hat as poor, since Jagan wants mostly a postponement of Sandys' proportional elections, and his opponents, scenting victory, are little disposed to compromise.

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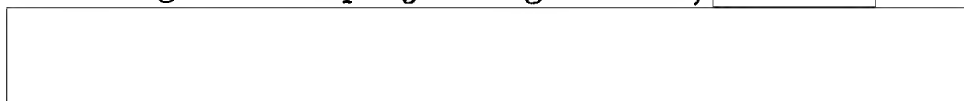
- A. France De Gaulle has resumed an active work schedule his first week out of the hospital, and, as far as we can tell, no major reductions in his calendar are planned over the next few months. It is still too early to tell whether he will now seek a second term.



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- B. North Vietnam Hanoi is trying to build up the stocks of Communist forces in south-central Laos before the rainy season, which could begin at any time, slows down road traffic in the area. Photography dated Sunday shows a considerable number of trucks heading for this area or making ready for the trip. Some of the supplies are likely to find their way into the hands of the Viet Cong.

- C. Brazil The new government, worried about the image it is projecting abroad, [redacted]



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- d. Cuba-Belgium [redacted] Castro is [redacted] [redacted] interested in recruiting Belgian specialists in agriculture and stock breeding to work in Cuba. [redacted]



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- E. Bulgaria    Chargé Johnson reports from Sofia that there is no basis in fact for the front-page story in Monday's New York Times concerning Easter riots in Sofia. He reports that, on the contrary, the services were impressive and orderly with the regime bending every effort to avoid the sorry spectacle of the previous Easter.
- F. Indonesia-Malaysia    Djakarta is still trying to pressure the Malaysians into going to the summit with the wily Sukarno. An Indonesian general this morning announced that a combat brigade was being sent to the border prepared to enter Malaysia at any time.